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Serial No. 09/541,844

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Confirmation No. 4246

For METHOD OF REMOVING N-TERMINAL ALANINE RESIDUES FROM
POLYPEPTIDES WITH AEROMONAS AMINOPEPTIDASE

Examiner J. Weber

November 7, 2002

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,
SIR:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated May 13, 2002, rejecting the following claims: 1-3 and 5-14.

The appeal fee of \$320.00 is submitted herewith. The fee for a three month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), in the amount of \$920.00, is also enclosed.

If there are any additional charges in this matter, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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